

aim at this everlasting monument of revealed truth, would require his own unspent breath and unwearied tongue. Suffice it to say, that sophisticating geologists have been allured, by his implacable subtleties, to enlist themselves in the service of his infernal policy.— This awful evasion of the testimony of Revelation, by denying its concernment with the Creation, and indeed by denying in fact its inspiration altogether, runs through the whole race of geologists, and is the principle set up in both our National Universities.—As to the fear of not satisfying, or of making, infidels; if the word of God does not satisfy them, no scientific hypotheses will. If a man acknowledge not the divine and eternal authority of that word, he is not worthy with whom to argue on any subject which involves its sanction. Let such be turned out of the field of sacred argument, as they have often nobly been from a court of justice, as not worthy of being heard.”—*

I have thought it right to quote these passages, that I may not do injustice to their author; who is, I indulge no doubt, a zealous maintainer of the gospel according to his own conceptions of it, and desirous of promoting the best interests of mankind, which undoubtedly can be promoted by no other means than the truth and power of religion. These declarations of his are adapted to make a deep impression on the minds of uninformed persons, who are upright and pious: and it is always a duty to protect such persons from being grieved or offended.

1. I present then my solemn protest against the *assumption* which runs through and characterizes the whole structure of the book and the supplementary pamphlet just cited. The impassioned author of them *ought not* to put his own interpretations, supported though they be by the expositions of eminent scholars and divines, upon a level with the express declarations of Scripture itself. That he believes his interpretations to be just, cannot be doubted: but he ought not to affirm, in so high

* Popular Geology subversive of Divine Revelation; and Two Letters to the Editor of the Christian Observer; by the Rev. Henry Cole. Pp. 21, 35, 37, 54, 91; 6, 34, 42.